

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously presented) A method of managing authorization tokens within a computer system comprising:

creating a master owner token indicating a management environment has full ownership of a trusted platform module within the computer system;

creating a delegate owner token for a delegated environment, wherein the delegated environment is an environment to which the master owner token is not communicated;

communicating the delegate owner token to the delegated environment; and

allowing the delegated environment access to the trusted platform module when the delegated environment presents the delegate owner token to the trusted platform module.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the master owner token in a secure storage within the computer system.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein creating the delegate owner token comprises the management environment sealing the delegate owner token to the delegated environment.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the master owner token indicating the management environment can change at least one of the master owner token and the delegate owner token.
6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising launching the management environment and then launching the delegated environment.
7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the delegate owner token in an access control list in the trusted platform module.
8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising removing, by the management environment, the delegate owner token from the access control list and adding a different delegate owner token to the access control list.
9. (Previously presented) An article comprising:
- a storage medium having a plurality of machine readable instructions, wherein when the instructions are executed by a processor, the instructions provide for managing authorization tokens within a computer system by
    - creating a master owner token indicating an administrative environment has full ownership of a trusted platform module within the computer system;
    - creating a delegate owner token for a delegated environment, wherein the delegated environment is an environment to which the master owner token is not communicated;
    - communicating the delegate owner token to the delegated environment; and
    - allowing the delegated environment access to the trusted platform module when the delegated environment presents the delegate owner token to the trusted platform module.

10. (Original) The article of claim 9, further comprising instructions for storing the master owner token in a secure storage within the computer system.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously presented) The article of claim 9, wherein creating the delegate owner token comprises the administrative environment sealing the delegate owner token to the delegated environment.

13. (Previously presented) The article of claim 9, further comprising the master owner token indicating the administrative environment can change at least one of the master owner token and the delegate owner token.

14. (Previously presented) The article of claim 9, further comprising instructions for launching the administrative environment and then launching the delegated environment.

15. (Previously presented) The article of claim 9, further comprising instructions for storing the delegate owner token in an access control list in the trusted platform module.

16. (Previously presented) The article of claim 15, further comprising instructions for removing, by the administrative environment, the delegate owner token from the access control list and adding a different delegate owner token to the access control list.

17. (Previously presented) A computer system comprising:

a plurality of delegated environments;

a management environment to create a master owner token indicating the management environment has full ownership of a trusted platform module within the computer system, to create a plurality of delegate owner tokens indicating partial ownership of the trusted platform module, and to communicate a selected one of the

plurality of delegate owner tokens to a selected one of the plurality of delegated environments, wherein the selected one of the plurality of delegated environments is an environment to which the master owner token is not communicated;

wherein the trusted platform module stores delegate owner tokens created by the management environment and allows the selected one of the plurality of delegated environments access to the trusted platform module when the selected one of the plurality of delegate owner tokens is presented to the trusted platform module by the selected one of the plurality of delegated environments.

18. (Original) The computer system of claim 17, further comprising a secure storage to store the master owner token.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously presented) The computer system of claim 17, wherein the trusted platform module comprises an access control list for storing delegate owner tokens created by the management environment.